

## DECLARATION BY INVENTOR

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I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention,

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**Docket Number:** J-SLA.1367

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

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Claim of Priority Based on Foreign Applications: **None**

Claim of Priority Based on Previously Filed U.S. Applications: U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/451,474; filed March 3, 2003, for *Network Organization, Topology Discovery, and Selection of Central Coordinator in an Ad-Hoc Network With Centralized Control*

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The specification of which is being filed herewith.

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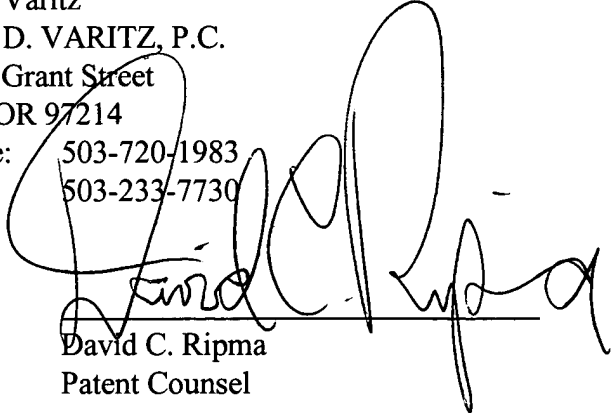
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